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SUBJECT: EDU CAPABILITIES

REFERENCE: KHARTOUM 1543

1. BILLY MCLEAN, LONGTIME BRITISH MILITARY ADVISOR FOR VARIETY OF GUERRILLA FORCES, DESCRIBED AT LENGTH FOR DCM ON 30 APRIL HIS RECENT EXCURSIONS INTO NORTHERN ETHIOPIA UNDER PROTECTION OF EDU. ORGANIZATION HE DESCRIBED WAS ONE WHICH UNABLE TO MATCH LOGISTICS, COMMUNICATIONS, WEAPONRY AND FIELD COMMAND WITH ENTHUSIASM AND TOUGHNESS OF SOLDIERS. SKILL WITH WEAPONS HARDLY EXTENDS BEYOND SMALL ARMS AND SUCCESSES OF EDU TO DATE REFLECT LARGELY DEMORALIZATION AND CONFUSION IN ETHIOPIAN RANKS. SURRENDER OF MEN AND WEAPONS FROM ETHIOPIAN ARMY IS VITAL TO SUCCESSES TO DATE THEREFORE. MCLEAN SAID HE SAW NO EVIDENCE OF MUCH SAUDI MONEY AND SUDANESE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF "ONLY FACILITIES".

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2. IMPRESSION WHICH MCLEAN LEFT --- ALTHOUGH AS CONSERVATIVE FIGURE HE CHAMPIONS EDU --- IS THAT EARLY AND EASY SUCCESSES MAY NOT CONTINUE OVER LONG TERM BOTH BECAUSE ETHIOPIAN RESISTANCE IS LIKELY TO STIFFEN AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS WILL LOOK LARGER AS BATTLE MOVES FURTHER FROM SUDANESE BORDER.

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